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1. WE RECOMMEND THAT IF AT ALL POSSIBLE THE SECRETARY MEET WITH EC COMMISSION REP GALLAGHER AND HEAD OF NETHERLANDS LOS DEL RIPHAGEN DURING HIS VISIT TO NEW YORK. AS NOTED REFTELS, EC NINE HAS DEVELOPED A COMMON POLICY AS REGARDS SEVERAL LOS ISSUES AND INTENDS TO CONCERT TO DEVELOP COMMON POSITIONS ON MOST OTHERS. SINCE EC PRESIDENCY AND COMMISSION REPS ARE LIKELY TO SPEAK FOR THE NINE ON MANY OF THESE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE MAKE BEST USE OF OPPORTUNITIES TO INFLUENCE THEIR VIEW AND MAKE SURE THEY ARE FULLY AWARE OF OUR OWN. US HOPES FOR OBTAINING AN ACCEPTABLE LOS RESULT CAN BE ENHANCED BY CONSTRUCTIVE CONSULTATIONS WITH THOSE WHO WILL HAVE KEY ROLES TO PLAY IN SHAPING POSITION OF THE NINE, AND SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH EC REPS COULD GIVE IMPORTANT IMPETUS TO THAT PROCESS. HINTON

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